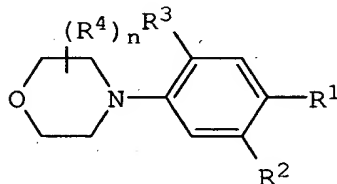


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1.-37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently amended) A compound having a formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

$n$  is an integer 0 through 2;

$R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of ~~hydrogen~~, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl,  $N(R^h)_2$ ,  $OR^h$ , carboxy, nitro, cyano, CHO, carboxamide, thiocarboxamide,  $R^aC(=O)$ , trifluoromethyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl;

$R^2$  is OH; or

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are taken together with the carbon atoms to which each is attached to form a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered ~~unsaturated or~~ partially saturated ring, wherein 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  optionally are a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, and P, said ring optionally substituted with one or more  $=O$ ,  $=S$ ,  $=NH$ ,  $OR^h$ ,  $N(R^h)_2$ , aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl, said nitrogen or phosphorus heteroatom optionally substituted with a group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, alkyl, alkyl substituted with  $R^aC(=O)$ , and  $R^aC(=O)$ ;

$R^3$ , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulfonamido, sulfamyl, sulfonyl chloride, and sulfo;

wherein  $R^a$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, and substituted heterocycloalkyl;

wherein  $R^h$ , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

$R^4$ , independently, is selected from the group consisting of  $OR^h$ , alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl;

and wherein cycloalkyl is a nonaromatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having three to six carbon atoms;

heterocycloalkyl is a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic nonaromatic partially unsaturated or saturated ring system having 3 to 10 members and having one to four heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur;

heteroaryl is a cyclic aromatic ring system having five- to ten-ring atoms, wherein one- to four-ring atoms independently are selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur, and the remaining ring atoms are carbon;

substituted alkyl is an alkyl group having a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl,  $N(R^h)_2$ ,  $OR^h$ ,  $SR^h$ , sulfoxide, sulfonyl, halo,

$R^aC(=O)$ , carboxy, hydrazino, hydrazono, and hydroxy-amino;

substituted aryl is an aryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo,  $OR^h$ ,  $N(R^h)_2$ , CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$ ,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$ , and trifluoromethyl;

substituted heteroaryl is a heteroaryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo,  $OR^h$ ,  $N(R^h)_2$ , CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$ ,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$ , and trifluoromethyl; and

substituted heterocycloalkyl is a heterocycloalkyl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo,  $OR^h$ ,  $N(R^h)_2$ , CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$ ,  $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$ , and trifluoromethyl.

39. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 38 wherein  $R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $-H$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-NH_2$ ,  $-CH_2OH$ ,  $-C\equiv N$ ,  $-(CO)-N(R^h)_2$ ,  $-(CO)-OH$ ,  $-(CO)-O-CH_3$ ,  $-(CO)-CF_3$ ,  $-(CO)H$ ,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-(CO)-alkyl$ ,  $-(CO)-substituted\ alkyl$ ,  $-(CO)-aryl$ ,  $-(CO)-substituted\ aryl$ ,  $-(CO)-heteroaryl$ , and  $-(CO)-CH_2-N(R^h)_2$ .

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously amended) A compound having a formula

